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CANTON NOTES.

PIRACY.
(From Our Own Correspondent).
Canton, May 10.
Some days ago we reported a case of attempted piracy which was luckily prevented by the timely arrival of H.L.M.'s cruiser Po On. The modus operandi of the pirates has lately come to light. It appears that one of the crew of the vessel to be plundered was in league with the robbers. Some rice bags had been placed on board and in each was hidden a weapon. The man found means to distribute these weapons to his accomplices and but for the arrival of the cruiser, there would probably have been several lives lost.

TO MURDER OFFICER.
It is reported that the followers of the noted desperado Soon Man have formed a plan to go to Peking and murder various high officials there. They think that the various ceremonies which still remain to be performed in connection with the obsequies of their majesty will afford them ample opportunity for carrying out their nefarious purpose. It is further stated that Chinese passengers from Hongkong bound for the northern ports will be subjected to a strict search before they are allowed to land.

PORCELAIN MANUFACTURE.
The Ko-Chow porcelain has always been held in high esteem but the manufacturers have observed that it is not so dainty in finish as the articles which come from foreign countries. It is said that the Ko-Chow prefect has lately opened a school for a hundred students who will, during their course of training, study methods to improve on their native ware and increase its demand in the markets.

DEATH FROM THE BITE OF A SCORPION.
While an old lady living in Kai Yuen San was asleep she was bitten on the left hand by a very large scorpion. Medical assistance was at once brought but the lady died soon afterwards.

ARREST IN SHAMEN.
Two Chinese were lately arrested in Shamen and charged before the British Consul for conspiracy. They were handed over to the Chinese authorities and sent to Nam Hoi to await trial.

FIRE AT NAM HOI.
A fire broke out at a night two ago in that part of Nam Hoi Jail where the remand prisoners are kept. It appears that a certain Luk Koo fired his bedding by dropping a cigarette end on it. There was some considerable conflagration but the officials were able to preserve order and no escapes occurred. Next day Luk Koo was properly dealt with for his carelessness.

CLAN FIGHTS.
In the recent clan fights at Yung Cheun village no less than 4 men were killed and 10 women taken away. The officials have compelled the offending clan to pay \$200 as compensation to the bereaved families and to hand over the corpses of the men who were killed.

A TROUBLED DISTRICT.
The above mentioned Yung Cheun is anything but a prosperous place. Much of the land is lying waste although it is fertile and the ground is known to be rich in mineral wealth. The continuous fighting and killing among the clans of the locality puts a damper on all commercial enterprise. The women are the worst offenders for they invariably assault those merchants who go to the locality from time to time to endeavour to establish it. It is said that the local magistrate needs to deal with these intemperate people with a very strong hand.

HIGH TIDES.
Owing to the very heavy rains and the melting of the snows in the mountains of Kwong sai and Yu nai the rivers of the Kwong Tung district are in a very swollen condition. Special precautions have been taken at Fat Shan, Wu-chow and other towns to prevent inundations and up till the time of writing there have been no reports of floods or loss of life. The river at Canton is running very full and several of the streets in Hsiam are under several inches of water.

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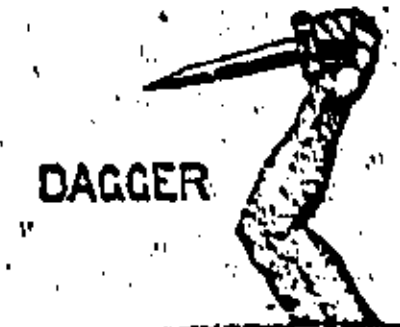
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's

Justices of the Peace at the Magistracy.

Miscellaneous.

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, May 15:

2 p.m.—Auction of Old Chinese Curios,

at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales

Rooms.

3 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, &c., at No. 1, Austin Avenue,

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MONDAY, May 17:

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THURSDAY, May 18:

11 a.m.—Auction of 767 bales Paper, 203

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loon Wharf & Gordon Co.'s Godown,

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THURSDAY, May 20:

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1909.

THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

A series of statistical tables just

issued by the Board of Trade gives a

capital idea of the production and con-

sumption of iron ore and pig-iron

during recent years in those countries in

which iron ore mining and the produc-

tion of pig-iron have assumed important

dimensions. The first table reads:

Total Production of Iron Ore.

Country. Tons. 1906. 1907. 1908.

United States, 4,282,000 4,720,000 4,720,000

Germany (incl. Alsace-Lorraine), 3,200,000 3,200,000 3,200,000

United Kingdom, 1,200,000 1,200,000 1,200,000

Spain, 1,200,000 1,200,000 1,200,000

France, 1,200,000 1,200,000 1,200,000

Russia, 1,200,000 1,200,000 1,200,000

Sweden, 1,200,000 1,200,000 1,200,000

Austria-Hungary, 1,200,000 1,200,000 1,200,000

Belgium, 1,200,000 1,200,000 1,200,000

Provisional figures.

It will be observed that relatively to

population, Sweden has a production of

iron ore considerably in excess of that

of the other countries included above,

amounting in 1907 to more than four-

fifths of a ton per head of population;

in the United States the production

amounted to three-fifths of a ton per

head, in Spain and Germany to rather

less than half a ton per head, in the

United Kingdom to about one-third,

and in France to one-fourth of a ton

per head. In Russia, Austria-Hungary,

and Belgium the production per head

is less than one-tenth of a ton per

annum.

The output of iron ore in 1907 in the

countries included in the table exceeded

the output in 1906 by nearly eight

million tons, the quantity mined in the

United States alone having increased

by about four million tons. In France

and Germany the output increased by

about 1½ and one million tons respec-

tively, whilst in Spain and Russia the

increase amounted to about half a

million tons each, and in the United

Kingdom to a little less than a quarter

of a million tons.

At the beginning of the period, i.e.,

in 1890, the quantity mined in the

United Kingdom was slightly greater

than in Germany, though less than in

the United States. In 1907 the output

of the United States considerably ex-

ceeded that of the United Kingdom and

Germany combined. The maximum

output in Great Britain was reached in

1882, when it amounted to over 18

million tons. It is now about 13½

million tons.

The combined output of iron ore in

the nine principal countries dealt with

in this return amounted to nearly 129

million tons in 1907, and if the output

of the minor producing countries be

added, it is probable that the world's

total output amounted to about 133½

million tons. The total consumption of

iron ore in the nine countries named in

the table in 1907 exceeded by 2½ million

tons, the production of the same

countries, the balance being made up of

imports from one or other of the minor

producing countries. Of 7½ million

tons imported into the United Kingdom

in 1907, nearly 6½ million tons were

derived from Spain, the bulk of the

remainder being derived from Algeria

(432,000 tons); Greece (390,000 tons),

Sweden (305,000 tons) Russia (291,000

tons), and France (169,000 tons).

The total quantity of pig-iron

produced in the world in 1907 may be

estimated at about 60½ million tons, the

principal countries of production being

the United States, Germany, and the

United Kingdom in the order named,

these three countries together accounting

for about four-fifths of the total output

of the world. The United States

produced 25,781,000 tons, Germany

12,668,000, the United Kingdom

10,114,000, France 3,532,000, Russia

2,723,000, Austria-Hungary 1,775,000,

Belgium 1,384,000, Sweden 606,000, and

Spain 330,000.

The combined output of steel in the

United Kingdom, Germany, and the

DISMISSAL OF OFFICIALS.

(With the Tai Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 12.

It is said that Governor Chan Chi-shang of Kiangsu, and Governor Chan Shu-mo of Hwang-kiang, are incompetent. They are to be dismissed from office.

CHINESE EDITOR LIBERATED.

(With the Tai Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 12.

Mr. Tang Kai-sing, editor of the King Wa Po, Peking, who was sentenced to banishment to Chinese Turkistan for libel, has been liberated owing to the general amnesty in consequence of the enthronement of the infant Emperor.

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION.

(With the Tai Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 12.

The shareholders of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., recently taken control of by the Board of Communications, have presented a joint petition by telegram to the Board asking that they be allowed to appoint a committee to watch the interests of the Company in the same manner as is done in regard to railway companies.

A TAO-TAI'S REMOVAL.

(With the Tai Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 12.

Tao-tai Shoi Nai-wung, of Shanghai, will be transferred to Harbin owing to his not being in harmony with the Governor of Kiangsu.

WIRELESS TYPOGRAPHY.

(With the Tai Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 12.

Speaking at the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon, with regard to the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock's question some time ago with respect to wireless messages, in the case of typhoons, from Pratas Islands, His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard said that China now claimed these islands and had communicated with the Chinese Government on the subject through the British Minister at Peking.

O. S. K. ENTERPRISE.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, in their preparation to capture a share of the Trans-Pacific carrying trade, appear not to have overlooked any detail in the arrangement of their new vessels intended for that run, so, as to secure their working under the most advantageous conditions.

The s.s. Tacoma Maru, which is the first of a series of six new steamers designed for the O.S.K. American Line, is now nearing completion, and at her trial trip held in Kobe on the 15th April she developed a speed of over fourteen knots with loading on board of 4,000 tons deadweight. It was shown that to maintain a speed of 12 knots the coal consumption would be only 40 tons a day, which is indeed a great saving in the expense for fuel. The steamer's cargo capacity, first estimated for 7,100 tons deadweight, is now found, on her completion, to be able to carry 7,700 tons, as the bunker space first allowed could now be curtailed on account of the lesser consumption of coal now found required. The following are the particulars of the Tacoma Maru:

Builder: The Kawasaki Shipbuilding Co., Kobe, Japan.
Dimensions: Length pps. 410, Breadth md. 61' 3" Depth md. 32' 6".
Tonnage: Displacement 12,000 tons, Gross Reg.—3,178 tons, Net Reg.—2,823 tons.

Class: Lloyd's 100 A. 1.
Twin Screws.
Speed: 15½ knots per hour.
Electric Lighted and Steam Heated.

Decorations: Two decked under Japanese Government's and Lloyd's three deck rule with forecastle, long bridge deck and poop. Steel deck house on bridge and boat decks. Two masts, fore and aft rig. Cellular double bottom throughout with a deep tank at the engine room. Seven watertight and two screen bulkheads, seven flaring, wide spaced tubular pillars, steel upper and main decks, and steel lower deck in No. 1 Hold.

Engines: Two sets triple expansion engines.
Load Draft: 25' 8".

Passenger Accommodation: Stowage—200 berths, cabin a limited number can be accommodated.
Sick, Trunk and Parcel rooms provided. An extra cargo derrick capable of lifting 30 tons is equipped, besides the ordinary ones.

Briefly, the superior points of the O.S.K. new Trans-Pacific steamer may be summed up as follows:

(1) A fair speed, in comparison with ordinary freighters.
(2) Special up to date appliances for cargo working, including an extra derrick capable of lifting up to 30 tons weight.
(3) Superior accommodation for stowage passengers situated amidships.
(4) Strictly regular service to be maintained, under Japanese Government Contract. It is anticipated that the Tacoma Maru will be in Hongkong in the latter part of June, and will be despatched on her maiden trip to Tacoma via Shanghai and Japan ports on or about 8th July.
The second steamer, nearing completion, s.s. Seattle Maru, was successfully launched at Kobe on the 3rd May.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council which was held this afternoon. There were also present:

Colonel DIXON.

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Sir HARRY BARKLEY, K.C., Acting Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. W. CHAMBERLAIN, Director of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, Colonial Treasurer.

Hon. Mr. A. W. BRAWLEY, Registrar General.

Hon. F. J. BAKER, Capt. Supt. of Police.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yee, C.M.G.

Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Council).

RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution:—Resolved that the resolution regarding the running of workmen's cars by the Hongkong Tramway Electric Company, Limited, now known as the Electric Tramway Company of Hongkong, Limited, passed by the Legislative Council on the 21st day of June 1906 be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Hon. Colonial Secretary explained that the workmen's cars had not been so largely patronized as was expected and now it was proposed to issue punch tickets. The government still had the right to revert to the system of workmen's cars.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yee seconded and the resolution was carried.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Hon. Attorney General proposed the first reading of a bill entitled an ordinance to amend the postage stamps bearing the head of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS' ACT.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a bill entitled an ordinance to amend the law with respect to children and young persons.

Hon. Attorney General explained that the bill was to provide for exemption from the death sentence of persons under sixteen, and to provide other punishment in place thereof. The Ordinance brings into force in this Colony the provisions of the Statute 8 Edward VII Cap. 87, S. 103 recently passed in England.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

LARCENY ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a bill entitled an ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance, 1885.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

LIFE INSURANCE CO.'S ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the bill entitled an ordinance to amend the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1907.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the bill entitled an ordinance to amend the Code of Civil Procedure.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

EVIDENCE ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the bill entitled an ordinance to amend the Evidence Ordinance, 1893.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the bill entitled an ordinance to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1903.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

THE BILL PASSED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE.

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Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

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AN INTERRUPTED BATTLE.

A scene of considerable commotion and excitement was witnessed in that portion of Wyndham Street known as Flower Street this morning. Apparently the disturbance arose between the flower-sellers and a body of chair-coolies. At any rate a huge crowd quickly congregated and the opposing factions indulged in angry cries and threatening gestures. In the midst of the excitement a gang of coolies made a rush up the street and were soon seen returning armed with huge bamboos. During their absence, however, in response to police whistles, an Indian constable had appeared on the scene. The presence of this officer had a most salutary effect, for when the armed coolies reappeared a man who had remained behind and who apparently was to act as the General and direct the onslaught by the coolies, came running up the street and held the aggressors back. A lifted finger and a brief exclamation from this worthy "commander" were sufficient. The brave army of coolies slunk away, returned their bamboos, and soon all was quiet again. Thus what might have been an interesting battle royal was nipped in the bud.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 12.

As the weather is daily growing hotter the Viceroy has issued an edict saying that his subordinates may dispense with the use of the outer ritual robe when interviewing him.

A LARGE TIGER.

A fisherman saw what appeared to be a big bundle of paddy stalks floating on the river at Shun Tak. He took a pole and prodded it when, to his horror, a large tiger sprang out of the bundle to the shore. In the space of a few moments the animal had mauled no less than 5 persons. It then made off, but several villagers armed with guns tracked it to the foot of the hills where it was dispatched. The carcass weighed over three piculs and a roaring trade was done in its flesh, which was sold at ten cents per picul.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A woman about 40 years of age attempted to commit suicide by drowning herself near the Shui Kwan Bridge. Luckily she was pulled out of the water by a policeman. She was taken before the magistrate and there told a sad story. She said that her husband had died and that her little children had also died one after another and that she herself was sick. She had attempted to earn a living by sewing, but no one would guarantee her house rent and so in her grief she made up her mind to die. As there were doubts of her sanity the magistrate sent her to the Hospital for treatment.

CANTON CRICKET REPORT.

The Viceroy has sent a statement concerning the consumption of opium in the Kwong provinces. "In it is stated that the cultivation of the poppy has been prohibited. The habitual smokers were four hundred and seventy thousand in number, but of whom more than thirty thousand have lately succeeded in breaking off the evil habit. The use of the drug among officials has been put down and the report contains a statement of the method adopted for licensing."

STRONG TIDES.

The river is running so strongly between Canton and Hoi-an that many ferries-men have ceased to run their boats. Those that still continue are demanding what is, in this locality, a very high fare. A steam launch is about to be engaged to ply between the two places and 5 cents per head will be charged. Many of the streets in the Sai Kwan are under water to the annoyance of those who have to go out.

STABBING CASE.

A man endeavored to enter the Tung Kwan theatre, and was set upon by five gale men who stabbed him inflicting severe wounds. The Red Cross Society were communicated with and assistance was given to the man. He was afterwards taken to the hospital, where he lies in a dangerous condition.

A NEW BANK.

A rich merchant, having opened a new bank, and being desirous of securing good premises applied to the authorities to have the use of the premises at present occupied by Police Station No. 7. The Commandant of police, while agreeing that the bank was of great importance, held that police stations were even of greater importance to the general public and refused to grant the banker's petition.

THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS TRAGEDY.

In connection with Router's cable of the 19th April reporting that Admiralty Island natives had attacked and killed Captain Komino, a Japanese trader of New Guinea, and two of his native crew, as reported in these columns, the *Nyumbi Pies* learns that the victim of the tragedy was Mr. Isokichi Komino, age 42, of Jinsen, Nagasaki.

The deceased originally went to the South Sea Islands some fifteen years ago and engaged in pearl fishing until about 1900, when the beds gave out. Since then he had been in the employ of the German Colonial Government service in exploring the interior where he is said to have exercised a wonderful influence as an over-seer over the natives connected with the expedition, and with whom he was very popular as their "captain."

The report of his death is deeply lamented in Japan, particularly at Nagasaki, as he was a distinct factor in the trade between Japan and the Islands, in addition to being highly popular with compatriot traders and emigrants to whom he often proved a willing help and a friend in need.

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SPORTING.

H.K.C.C. & L.R.C. TENNIS MATCH.

After having been twice postponed on account of bad weather, the annual tennis match between the Hongkong C.C. and the Ladies Recreation Club took place yesterday on the courts of the Hongkong Cricket Club. As usual, the event attracted a large gathering, and some splendid tennis was seen. The teams were each composed of three pairs of gentlemen, each of whom played each opposing pair six games either side of the net. In the end the victory went to the L.R.C. by a margin of 20 games, the scores being:—L.R.C., 64 games; Hongkong Club, 44 games. An analysis of the play shows that Carr and Hancock (L.R.C.) were the best pair on the day's results, scoring 25 games to 11 registered against them. They also secured the distinction of inflicting the heaviest defeat in overcoming Brierley and Satterthwaite by 10 games to 2. The next best record was obtained by Harris and Phillips, who ran up 23 games to 14. The other pair on the winning side, Thompson and Murray, were down four games as the result of their efforts, only managing to register 16 games out of 36 played. For the Club Pearce and Klimanek were the only couple not to have a greater number of games scored against them than they secured. Out of their 36 games they claimed exactly half. They also managed to win a set, defeating Thompson and Murray by 5 games to 3. The other averages were: Brierley and Satterthwaite, 12 games to 24; Anderson and Whyte, 13 games to 22. Appended are details of the score:—

C. A. Carr and H. Hancock (L.R.C.) beat Capt. Brierley and Mr. G. R. Satterthwaite 10/2, beat T. E. Pearce and P. H. Klimanek 8/4, beat Messrs Anderson and Whyte 7/6.

Messrs M. L. Harris and H. R. Phillips (L.R.C.) beat Pearce and Klimanek 7/5, beat Brierley and Satterthwaite 8/4, beat Anderson and Whyte 8/6.

Mr H. S. Thompson and Capt. Murray (L.R.C.) beat Anderson and Whyte 7/5, drew with Brierley and Satterthwaite 6/6, drew to Pearce and Klimanek 3/6.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the match the prizes won in the recent tournament were presented by Miss Ella Rowe. Prior to this, however, Mr F. Maitland offered congratulations to the L.R.C. on their splendid win. The tournament just finished had, he said, been successful in every way—in respect of the record entries, very fine games, and large attendance, especially of ladies whom they were always glad to see. Thanks were due to the sub-committee for their work and also to their courteous secretary, Mr Lowe, for the manner in which the tournament had been run. He wished to congratulate Mr Carr, who, starting from the back line, had won the singles handicap "A" Class and who had again won the championship. They were disappointed that the match between Mr Carr and Captain Beasley was not played, but in the circumstances the committee could not do other than award the championship to Mr Carr. They regretted this as they were sure that their meeting would have resulted in a very fine struggle. The military members were also to be congratulated inasmuch as they had carried away nearly half of the prizes, which was a very high percentage considering the number of entries. He also congratulated Mr Hocking who had won the "B" class single championship and who with Mr Hagen had won the doubles handicap.

The prizes were then gracefully presented by Miss Rowe, who was subsequently presented with a choice floral bouquet.

CRICKET SHIELD PRESENTED.

An interesting ceremony then took place in the presentation of the Hongkong Cricket League shield. This duty was undertaken by Mr Drew Braidwood, who handed the trophy to Mr Maitland on behalf of the Hongkong "B" team. In making the presentation Mr Braidwood said:—Ladies and gentlemen, I regret the necessity for my presence this afternoon as the President of the League, Mr R. Hancock, who is still an active and prominent player in the arena of Hongkong cricket would doubtless have had something important and instructive to say to the members of the willow in their recent League fixtures. The interest in cricket seems to be growing in our midst. This is partly witnessed by the increased number of teams competing in League matches and here I may mention that it was a disappointment to the League officials that the regiment arrived so late for the Buffs to enter a team. Should they decide to enter a team next season we can promise them a warm welcome in more ways than one. I further proof were wanted of the growing attractions of cricket a visit to Happy Valley and the sight of the new pavilion recently erected, there should be sufficient to convince the most sceptical and assure them that the League is not ephemeral. Much of this ardour is due to our Hon. Sec., Mr A. E. Ayer, to whose initiative the League owes its origin and whose time and energies have always been given unflinchingly to the service of the League. We lament the necessity which compelled him to take a six months' rest in England and hope that he may return in renewed health and strength to once again occupy the place he filled with so much acceptance. The thanks of the Hongkong cricketers are due to the directors of the S. C. W. N. P. who so generously aided the promoters of the League by giving the splendid trophy which is the visible reward of the successful team. I say visible reward, ladies and gentlemen, for 't' take it that the real reward of cricket is to be found in playing the game and playing it in a gentlemanly and sportsmanlike spirit. This spirit we must all admit was especially prominent in the play of the winning team, the H.K.C.C. "B" team. The record of this team is excellent, and it is unique in the fact that it is the only club that has no drawn games. This is ominous for it means of tenacity and a fixed determination to fight to a finish. For a

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made all their own way, but later in

the season they were seriously menaced by

the Civil Service team, which deserves credit

for the plucky fight made and for attaining

the honourable position of runners-up.

The season presenting the chief occasion

aid by the recent wet weather, he caused

no disappointment in so far as I had hoped

to hand over the shield to Dr. Atkinson

and congratulate him on being not only the

President of the Club that produced the

winning team but an active member of the

team which occupies the second place.

Before asking Mr Maitland to receive the

shield and badge I desire to thank the

officials and members of the Hongkong

